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EXPORT OF MANGOES TO USA EUROPE
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian mangoes failed to hit US / UK markets as reported in `Hindustan Times` dated June 14, 2002;

(b) if so, though India contributes 46% to the world`s mangoes produced, it accounts for mere 16% of global trade;

(c) the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the Indian mangoes are permanently quarantined in US market;

(e) if so, the facts thereof;

(f) whether quality issues debars the entry of mangoes into Europe as well; and
(g) if so, the corrective steps taken by the Government to boost the export of mangoes and provide latest facilities / equipment to the mango growers so that they can compete with the foreign traders?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY)

(a) to(f): Exports of fresh mangoes to US are severely constrained by quarantine regulations.However, Mangoes / Mango products are being exported to UK and also to US. As per trade Statistics of 2000 maintained by Food & Agricultural Organisation (FAO), India accounts for 6% of world trade in quantity terms.

(g): Government has initiated steps to boost export of mangoes through inter-alia setting up of Agri-Export Zones in Uttar Pradesh, Maharashtra, providing financial assistance to individual exporters for setting up infrastructural facilities etc.